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SHORTER NOTES

LESPEDEZA VELUTINA BICKNELL A HOMONYM. — Instances are not rare in which a homonym is published so soon after the first use of the name that the occurrence can scarcely be laid to negligence on the part of its author in selecting a valid name. The following case appears to be one of such instances.

Lespedeza Bicknellii nom. nov.

Lespedeza velutina Bicknell, *Torreyia* 1: 102. 28 S 1901. Britton, *Manual* 1048. O 1901; ed. 2, 1068. 1905.

Not *Lespedeza velutina* Dunn; Hooker, *Icones Plantarum* 7: pl. 2700. F 1901. A native of China.

The type of *L. velutina* Bicknell and therefore of *L. Bicknellii* is, "from Woodlawn, N. Y. [E. P. Bicknell], August 28, 1898, flowers; September 25, 1898, fruit: in the herbarium of the New York Botanical Garden."

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REVIEWS

English Edition of Goebel's *Organographie der Pflanzen**

The English form of Professor Goebel's important work, which has been awaited for several years, has at last been completed, and the second part is now issued and is the most recent publication of classical botanical productions which the Clarendon Press has given to the English-speaking world. While the discrepancy of time between the appearance of the second part in the two languages is rather long, we remember that the translation has been a task of no mean magnitude.

The botanists of the present moment are at a point in the history of their science which is unique. Looking backward we may see that, at the beginning of what we may call modern botany, all its students trod the same path. During this period the science was purely descriptive of the externals of the plant

* *Organography of Plants*, especially of the Archegoniatae and Spermatophyta, by Dr. K. Goebel, Professor in the University of Munich; authorized English edition by Isaac Bayley Balfour, King's Botanist in Scotland. Part I., General Organography, i-xvi + 1-270, f. 1-130. 1900. \$3.10; Part II., Special Organography, i-xxiv + 1-708, f. 1-417. 1905. \$7.00; royal 8vo. Oxford, Clarendon Press.